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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended): A method to prepare an erythromycin derivative a glycosylated form of a modified 6-deoxyethronolide B (6-dEB) wherein said modified 6-dEB contains a substituent other than a methyl or ethyl at position 13 which method comprises adding to the culture medium of a strain of Saccharopolyspora erythraea [[a]] said modified 6-dEB derivative produced in a recombinant organism other than Saccharopolyspora erythrae that is not glycosylated and culturing said S. erythraea in said medium so as to convert said modified 6-dEB that is not glycosylated derivative into an erythromycin derivative a glycosylated form of said modified 6-dEB; and

extracting the erythromycin-derivative glycosylated modified 6-dEB from the medium.

20-23. (canceled)

24. (currently amended): The method of claim 19 wherein said 6-dEB derivative is 14 propyl 6-dEB 15 methyl 6-dEB (Formula 6 as depicted in Figure 3), or 14-desmethyl 14-phenyl 6-dEB (Formula 7 as depicted in Figure 3) substituent at position 13 is n-butyl or benzyl.

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